

**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

1. (Amended) A recording apparatus which records data on a recording medium comprising:

a suction unit for sucking a recording medium which has passed in a recording unit, said suction unit having a plurality of suction ports in a transporting direction of the recording medium; [and]

wherein when the recording medium is not transported on the suction unit, the suction ports are closed, and when the recording medium is transported on the suction unit, the suction ports are sequentially opened so as to spread a sucking area on the suction unit in accordance with transportation of a leading end of the recording medium.

6. (Amended) A recording apparatus which records data on a recording medium comprising:

a suction unit for sucking a recording medium which has passed in a recording unit, wherein said suction unit is positioned between a platen opposed to a recording head and discharging roller; and

a changing means for changing a sucking force of the suction means in accordance with a property of the recording medium.